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1. THE NEW ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL, ENRIQUE ROS, IS A LAWYER AND CAREER DIPLOMAT. HE RECENTLY SERVED AS CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN PEKING, WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED IN 1973.

2. DR. ROS WAS BORN IN 1927 AND HOLDS A LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES AS WELL AS A DOCTORATE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW FROM THE SORBONNE. AFTER PRACTICING LAW FOR A SHORT TIME, ROS JOINED THE FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1954 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE OAS. HE HAS ALSO SERVED IN ENGLAND, THE NETHERLANDS AND IN ARGENTINE MISSIONS TO THE UN AND OAS. HE WAS SEVERAL TIMES AN

OFFICIAL DELEGATE TO THE UNGA AND HAS REPRESENTED ARGENTINA IN A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS.

3. IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, DR. ROS HAS SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CARIBBEAN AND CENTRAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS, CHIEF OF THE ANTARCTIC AND MALVINAS DIVISION AND SUBDIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSTITUTE. HE ACHIEVED RANK OF AMBASSADOR IN MAY OF THIS YEAR. ROS RETURNED FROM PEKING IN LATE 1975

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TO TAKE OVER AS DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, ONE OF THE KEY

SLOTS IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. BECAUSE OF THE CONFUSION
OF THE LAST FEW MONTHS OF THE PERON GOVERNMENT--RAPIDLY
CHANGING MINISTERS AND PERSONNEL SHIFTS--HE NEVER ASSUMED THAT
POST.

4. DR. ROS IS A PLEASANT, EXTREMELY CAPABLE AND PROFESSIONAL
DIPLOMAT WITH AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF HUMOR. HE IS FAVORABLY
DISPOSED TOWARD THE U.S. AND HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY IN
THE UNITED STATES. HIS WIFE OF SOME TWELVE YEARS IS AN AMERICAN.
ROS SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH AND HAS STUDIED RUSSIAN.
OFFICERS OF THIS EMBASSY WERE IMPRESSED BY HIS THOUGHTFUL VIEWS
ON THE SITUATION IN CHINA (ON WHICH HE IS, HOWEVER, NO EXPERT).

5. IN SUM, WE BELIEVE AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV WILL FIND AMB ROS
A PLEASANT AND CAPABLE COLLEAGUE.
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